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Town Officers, 1937

Moderator
EUSTACE JUDKINS

Clerk
LESLIE W. KNOWLES

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor
DAVID F. PREBLE LESLIE E. WHARFF
ARTHUR L. JACKSON

Treasurer
SUMNER L. HART

School Committee
MAGGIE MERRILL EVELINA KNOWLES
ELEANOR B. WHARFF

Superintendent
C. L. SIDELINGER

Fence Viewers
C. A. LEIGHTON IRVING PREBLE

Surveyors of Lumber
DELMONT C. WESTON LESLIE W. KNOWLES

Ballot Clerks
MYRTLE LEIGHTON, R L. MAUDE PATTERSON, D
HARRY M. PRESCOTT, R CONEY E. PACKARD, D

Road Commissioner
B. L. KNOWLES

Fire Warden
WILL KING

Mothers' Aid

AFFIE M. KNOWLES MAGGIE MERRILL

ANNIE B. WESTON

Surveyor of Wood and Bark

W. L. EARLEY

Sexton

WILL KING

Constables

SUMNER L. HART S. L. COOK

Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRED M. HESCOCK

Health Officer

W. L. EARLEY

Board of Health

THELMA BESSEY EUGENE WESTON

Pound Keeper

SUMNER L. HART

Tax Collector

SUMNER L. HART

Attendance Officer

LESLIE W. KNOWLES

Field Driver

EUGENE WESTON

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

C .A. LEIGHTON BURTON N. PACKARD

Town Warrant

Piscataquis, ss.

To Sumner L. Hart, a constable in the Town of Willimantic, County of Piscataquis and State of Maine,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Willimantic, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at Town Hall in said Town on the 21st day of March, 1938, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year, to see if the town will accept all the town reports.

Art. 3. To choose three or more Selectmen.

Art. 4. To choose three or more assessors.

Art. 5. To choose three or more overseers of the poor.

Art. 6. To choose a town treasurer.

Art. 7. To choose one or more school committee.

Art. 8. To choose one or more fire wards, fix their compensation and raise a sum of money for same.

Art. 9. To choose a road commissioner for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To choose a collector of taxes for the ensuing year, fix his compensation and raise a sum of money therefor.

Art. 11. To see if the town will elect one member of the municipal board of mothers' aid for a term of three years.

Art. 12. To choose all other town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see if the town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of schools, and poor, repairs of roads and bridges, and to defray all the other town charges for the ensuing year.

Art. 14. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of the poor. $1,000.00

Art 15. To see if the town will raise $100.00 to be expended on the I. W. Titcomb road to prepare it for winter plowing.

Art. 16. To see what action the town will take in regards to the repair of the Sears Bridge, so called, and raise money for same.

Art. 17. To see if the town will raise the amount of $22.50 for Special Resolve maintenance. $22.50

Art. 18. To see what action the town will take in regards to raising the money, and payments of the Earley Bridge, so called, the amount being $1045.00.—

Art. 19. To see what action the town will take in regards to having the school yards and town hall roadways plowed during the snow removal of 1938 and 1939.

Art. 20. To see how much money the town will raise for summer roads and bridges.

Art. 21. To see what action the town will take in regards to the purchasing of a winter road sanding machine, and raise a sum of money for same.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Merrill road, so called, the Crockett road, so called, the Whitcomb road, so called, for Winter travel.

Art. 23. To see what action the town will take in regards to plowing the snow roads, season 1938 and 1939.

Art. 24. To see how much money the town will raise for winter roads and snow fences. 1000

Art. 25. To see how much money the town will raise for town charges. 900

Art. 26. To see how many weeks of school the town will vote to have for the ensuing year. 36

Art. 27. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of schools. 1400

Art. 28. To see how much money the town will raise for insurance on schoolhouses.

Art. 29. To see how much money the town will raise for textbooks. 90

Art. 30. To see how much money the town will raise for school repairs. 200

Art. 31. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for school supplies. 58

Art. 32. To see how much money the town will raise for free high school. 250

Art. 33. To see how much money the town will raise for the salary of superintendent of schools. 105

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to pay their school committee the same as last year and out of town charges.

Art. 35. To see how much money the town will raise for Memorial Day services and flags. 5 Dallas

Art. 36. To see what sum the town will appropriate for State Road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 28, Revised Statutes of 1930, or under the provisions of Section 3, Chapter 229, Public Laws of 1937. 150

Art. 37. To see what sum, if any, the town would recommend to take from the joint state aid account for the purpose of applying bituminous surface treatment to state aid roads, in excess of the requirements of Section 2, Chapter 132, P. L. 1935.

Art. 38. To see what sum of money the town will raise for cutting bushes on the State Aid and third class roads under Chapter 145, P. L. 1929.

Art. 39. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for road patrol maintenance and how much for the ensuing year.

Art. 40. To see what sum of money the town will raise for maintenance of the Third Class roads under Chapter 124, P. L. 1927.

Art. 41. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer to borrow money during the present municipal year in anticipation of and to be paid out of the taxes of the current year 1938 and 1939, and to execute and deliver the negotiable promissory note or notes of the town therefor.

Art. 42. To see what action the town will vote to take towards authorizing the treasurer and tax collector to refuse payment part or whole, on orders presented by persons indebted to the town.

Art. 43. To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to execute and deliver release deeds, or other, and transact all other business for, and pertaining to the town's interest in lands, buildings and other estate, personal and real, taken in by the town for unpaid taxes.

Art. 44. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the services of a county nurse.

Art. 45. To see what action the town will take in regards to having sign boards posted at Goodell Corner, Norton Corner and Hart Corner, so called.

Art. 46. To see what action the town will take in regards to removing some of the bank at the Goodell turn on Road No. 150, and raise money for same.

Art. 47. To see what action the town will take in regards to the mortgage the officials took up of the Guy Leighton property, the amount being $248.80 and raise money for same.

Art. 48. To see if the town will raise a sum of money for the Girls' and Boys' 4-H Clubs and how much. 15 Dollars

Art. 49. To see if the town will vote to have any one working for town on Highway furnish their own spades.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at Town Hall at nine o'clock in the forenoon on day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Willimantic this first day of March, year of 1938 A. D.

DAVID F. PREBLE
LESLIE E. WHARFF
ARTHUR L. JACKSON
Selectmen of Willimantic

Assessors' Report

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF WILLIMANTIC
APRIL 1, 1937

Real estate, resident	$36,973 00	
Real estate, non-resident	81,167 00	
Total real estate		$118,140 00
Personal estate, resident	$6,630 00	
Personal estate, non-resident	760 00	
Total amount personal estate		$ 7,390 00
Grand total amount		$125,530 00

Total value of land, $86,295.00
Total value of buildings, $31,845.00
No. poll taxes, 62, $186.00
No. polls not taxed, 11
Rate of taxation, .073

TAXABLE LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Av. Val.	Total
Horses	30	$54 plus	$1,635 00
Cows	47	26 plus	1,240 00
Three year olds	11	26 plus	290 00
Two years old	19	18 plus	359 00
Oxen	2	62 plus	125 00
Poultry (over 50 in no.)	302	50	151 00
Total amount of taxable live stock			$ 3,800 00

EXEMPT LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Av. Val.	Total
One year old	21	$14 plus	$313 00
Sheep (to 35 in no.)	90	3	270 00
Swine (to 10 in no.)	22	10 plus	231 00
Poultry (to 50 in no.)	569	50	285 00
Total exempt live stock and poultry			$ 1,099 00

ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

	No.	Value
Stock in trade	4	$775 00
Small boats	64	750 00
Tractors	3	715 00
Musical instruments	1	30 00
Radios	20	240 00
Gas engines	12	240 00
Light plants	5	600 00
Pumps and tanks	6	240 00
Total amount		$ 3,590 00
Total amount of live stock, poultry		3,800 00
Total amount of personal property		$ 7,390 00

TOWN PROPERTY OTHER THAN SCHOOL BUILDINGS

One road machine
Town hall
Hearse
Wheel scraper
Snow roller
Snow plow
Storehouse
2 road plows
2 bail scrapers
Total amount value $ 1800 00

We, the undersigned, assessors of the town of Willimantic hereby certify that the following is a true list and inventory appraisals and valuation of all the polls and estates, personal and real, liable to assessments and taxation in said Town of Willimantic on the first day of April, 1937, A. D.

CASH APPROPRIATIONS

Support of School	$1,400 00	
Support of Poor	1,100 00	
Summer Roads and Bridges	700 00	
Winter Roads and Snow Fence	1,050 00	
Town Charges	900 00	
Insurance School houses	56 25	
Textbooks	60 00	
School Supplies	60 00	
Repairs on Schoolhouses	80 00	
Free High School	250 00	
Salary Supt. Schools	83 00	
Memorial Day Services and Flags	5 00	
State Aid Road	600 00	
3rd Class Road Maintenance	103 00	
Cutting Bushes on State Aid and 3rd Class Road	85 00	
Patrol Road	354 90	
I. W. Titcomb Road	100 00	
County Nurse	25 00	
Resolve Road Maintenance	22 50	
Note at Guilford Trust Co.	1,000 00	
		$ 8,034 65
County Tax		278 80
State Tax		1,011 32
Overlay		24 41
Total		$ 9,349 18
62 poll taxes		186 00
Assessed on real and personal estate		$ 9,163 18

Delivered to Sumner L. Hart with warrant for		$ 9,349 18
Total number dogs	19	
Males and spades	16	
Females	3	

Given under our hand at Willimantic this 15th day of May, 1937

DAVID F. PREBLE
LESLIE E. WHARFF
ARTHUR L. JACKSON
Assessors of Willimantic

ABATEMENT OF TAXES

Coney Packard	$3 29	
Caleb Leavitt	7 52	
B. F. Preble	8 25	
A. F. Arnold	73	
Dan Lamont	6 21	
Harry Chamberlain, 1936	3 00	
		$ 29 00

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

1934	W. L. Earley	$317 26
1935	Irving Preble	4 35
	Ernest Turner	4 55
	Roy Litchfield	25 08
1936	Irving Preble	3 69
	Ernest Turner	3 00
	Roy Litchfield	2 76
1937	Arnold & Kerr, Earl	22 15
	S. L. Cook	8 40
	Sadie Cook	33 51
	W. L. Earley	314 86
	Clifton Gerry, Estate of	34 46
	Merle Hill	10 05
	Harriman, Alice Estate of	2 19
	Agnes King	7 82
	Bert Knowles	28 19
	John Leavitt	7 11

J. T. McDonald	6 29
Carl Partinen	3 00
Irving Preble	13 59
Harry M. Prescott	66 32
Wm. C. Prescott	32 18
Clifton R. Stone	21 62
Federal Land Bank	141 26
Ernest Turner	1 83
Delmont Weston	40 00
Henry Foster	73
Bert Kellen	5 48
Roy Litchfield	27 74
Thomas Murphy	19 93
D. B. Neal	8 03
Ralph Weston & E. A. Conner	3 51

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Notes at Guilford Trust Co. for total of			$ 1,820 93
Due	$775 93	Apr. 23, 1938	
Due	349 00	Feb. 23, 1939	
Due	348 00	Feb. 23, 1940	
Due	348 00	Feb. 23, 1941	

DOG LICENSES

Rec'd from town clerk	$26 00	
Unexpended Mar. 1, 1937	49 04	
Refund from State	5 34	
		$ 80 38
Paid State treasurer		25 00
Unexpended March 1, 1938		$ 55 38

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Raised by town	$5 00	
Unexpended year 1937	75	
		$ 5 75
Paid Leslie W. Knowles		5 00
Unexpended Mar. 1, 1938		$ 75

TOWN CHARGES

Amount raised by town	$900 00	
Excise tax	229 23	
Unexpended March, 1937	30 19	
Railroad tax	1 86	
County nurse, raised by town	25 00	
Louise Fifield, lumber	42	
		$ 1,186 70
Amount available Mar. 1938		$ 1,186 70

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT

William Gourley, car hire	$ 10 00
Lionel Merrill, car hire	6 00
Mrs. Coney Packard, cleaning town hall	2 00
William Gourley, car hire	10 00
Coney Packard, telephone	60
Loring Short & Harmon, town books	10 80
John S. Williams, attorney	50 00
W. L. Earley, labor and lumber	40 00
Register Pub. Co., town reports	46 00
Lionel Merrill, car hire	2 00
Coney Packard, car hire	1 00
Mildred Packard, cleaning hall	50
W. F. King, cutting grass in cemetery	12 00
Register of Deeds, transfers	1 70
Coney Packard, telephoning	90
J. S. Williams, trips to Augusta	68 00
D. F. Preble labor on storehouse	7 68
Arthur Jackson, labor on storehouse	3 84
Mildred Packard, cleaning hall, election	1 00
W. E. Dean, lumber for storehouse	5 60
Geo. E. Howard, insurance	17 50
Loring, Short & Harmon, town order book	5 25

W L. Arnold, writing contracts	1 20	
D. F. Preble, postage	3 00	
S. A. Anderson, damage to field	10 00	
Lionel Merrill, car hire	3 00	
Ray W. Davis, county nurse	25 00	
Coney Packard, telephone calls	50	
School Fund: Interest on school fund	47 25	
Leslie W. Knowles, postage, vital statistics	8 00	
Marshall Southards, State treas.	124 60	
Lionel Merrill, car hire	2 00	
S. L. Hart, dog constable	3 00	
D. F. Preble, postage	2 00	
S. L. Hart, cash for recording mortgages	7 25	
S. L. Hart, posting town warrants	6 00	
S. L. Hart, postage and paper	6 25	
S. L. Hart, town books and paper	3 65	
S. L. Hart, trucking	15 25	
Guilford Trust Co., interest	185 02	
S. L. Hart, for bank account checks	5 56	
W. F. King, care of cemetery Trust Fund lots	2 63	
		$ 763 53

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

Myrtle Leighton, ballot clerk	$ 2 56
H. M. Prescott, ballot clerk	2 56
Coney Packard, ballot clerk	2 56
L. Maude Patterson, ballot clerk	2 56
Leslie W. Knowles, town clerk	2 56
Arthur Jackson, election officer	2 56
Leslie E. Wharff, election officer	2 56
D. F. Preble, election officer	2 56
Leslie E. Wharff, assessors' meeting	2 56
Arthur Jackson, assessors' meeting	2 56
D. F. Preble, assessors' meeting	2 56

F. M. Hescock, sealer weights and measures	5 00	
Maggie Merrill, school committee	10 00	
Eleanor Wharff, school committee	5 00	
Evelina Knowles, school committee	5 00	
D. F. Preble, services as selectman	50 00	
Leslie W. Knowles, town clerk	7 00	
Arthur L. Jackson, selectman	50 00	
Leslie E. Wharff, selectman	50 00	
David F. Preble, selectman	100 00	
S. L. Hart, tax collector	387 94	
S. L. Hart, treasurer	78 00	
		$ 776 10
Incidental account		$ 763 53
Town Officers' bills		776 10
Total expended		$ 1,539 63
Overexpended March 1, 1938		$ 352 93

OUTSTANDING BILLS

Guilford Trust Co., town notes	$1,820 93	
School Fund, Town of Willimantic	787 50	
		$ 2,608 43

RESOURCES

Due town on unpaid taxes 1934	$317 26	
Due town on unpaid taxes 1935	33 98	
Due town on unpaid taxes 1936	9 45	
Due town on unpaid taxes 1937	852 17	
Due cemetery lot, Clyde Knowles	2 15	
Cash on hand	750 28	
		$ 1,965 79
Outstanding bills over resources		$ 592 64

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Amount raised by town	$ 1,100 00
Overexpended March 1, 1937	276 69
Amount for 1937	$ 823 31

Dan Lamont Account

S. L. Hart	$12 65	
S. L. Hart	26 91	
S. L. Hart	11 88	
S. L. Hart	9 66	
Roy M. Hescock	1 05	
Roy M. Hescock	1 00	
Myrtle Leighton	5 00	
Adin Green	1 50	
S. L. Hart	9 91	
Agnes King	15 00	
S. L. Hart	7 23	
Agnes King	6 00	
Wm. R. Kerr, M. D.	9 00	
S. L. Hart	6 04	
S. L. Hart	12 49	
S. L. Hart	13 47	
Burton N. Packard	75	
S. L. Hart	13 78	
S. L. Hart	10 66	
S. L. Hart	7 69	
	——————$	181 67

Grethel and Guy Leighton Family

S. L. Hart, treasurer	$11 48
S. L. Hart, treasurer	46 15
S. L. Hart	50 53
S. L. Hart	11 14
S. L. Hart	5 68
S. L. Hart	19 56
S. L. Hart	36 31
Lynwood Leighton	6 13
Harry Preble	17 50
S. L. Hart	23 60
E. T. Green	12 00
Lionel Merrill	12 00
R. C. Stuart, M. D.	6 85
S. L. Hart	85 70

S L. Hart	17 65	
S. L. Hart	21 06	
		$ 383 34

Mrs. Matilda Chamberlain Account

Annie B. Weston		$ 313 43

Mrs. Lillian Hathaway Account

Mrs. Norman Nickerson	$ 7 00	
Greenville Water Co.	6 50	
Greenville Water Co.	3 25	
D. T. Sanders	99 35	
D. T. Sanders	56 24	
D. T. Sanders	21 00	
D. T. Sanders	35 44	
Greenville Water Co.	3 25	
D. T. Sanders	19 58	
		$ 251 61

Mrs Clyde Leighton Account

Town of Guilford		$ 161 77

W. Scott Cook Account

W. Scott Cook		$ 30 00

W. F. King Account

W. F. King		$ 25 00
Total amount expended		$ 1,346 82
Amount available March 1, 1937		823 31
Overexpended March 1, 1938		$ 523 51

DAVID F. PREBLE
LESLIE E. WHARFF
ARTHUR L. JACKSON
Overseers of the Poor

Grethel Leighton

Property taken up by town:

Mortgage on property	$248 80	
Interest	7 80	
Tax for 1937	40 59	
Int. due Dec. 1937	7 80	
		$ 304 99

Road Commissioner's Report

Amount raised by town	$700 00	
Overexpended 1936	460 05	
		$ 239 95
Appropriated for Ledge Hill acct.	$13 50	
Appropriated for 50-50 acct.	49 34	
		$ 62 84
		$ 177 11
Overexpended in 1937		151 37
		$ 328 48

EXPENDED ON ROADS AND BRIDGES

Merle Hill, labor	$ 6 40
S. A. Anderson, team	11 52
S. A. Anderson, team	7 68
Rex Turner, truck	11 25
B. L. Knowles, labor	6 46
L. W. Knowles, labor	3 20
Harry Preble, labor	3 20
Harry Preble, labor	1 92
Ivan Leighton, truck	11 25
P. W. Merrill, labor	3 20
Ivan Leighton, gravel	5 20
Elwood Weston, team	25 60
B. L. Knowles, labor	31 24
S. A. Anderson, team	12 80
Lynwood Leighton, truck	6 75
Rex Turner, truck	4 50

P. W. Merrill, labor	1 92	
Lawrence Young, labor	1 28	
S. A. Anderson, team	2 56	
B. L. Knowles, labor	2 84	
J. S. Prescott, truck	18 00	
L. W. Knowles, labor	2 56	
B. L. Knowles, labor	3 12	
Adin Green, labor	17 92	
B. L. Knowles, labor	6 24	
L. W. Knowles, labor	5 12	
Geo. R. Smith, labor	5 12	
J. S. Prescott, labor	6 00	
J. W. Sears, repair	4 50	
Adin Green, labor	8 32	
P. W. Merrill, plank,	12 60	
John Scales, tools	7 30	
John McKinney, labor	1 28	
John Leavitt, labor	12 24	
D. F. Preble, labor	8 96	
A. Pfuntner	18 44	
W. E. Dean	3 39	
Lionel Merrill	1 28	
D. F. Preble	2 56	
B. M. Packard	1 20	
H. King	2 56	
Ivan Leighton	9 00	
George Haley	10 00	
		$ 328 48

TITCOMB ROAD ACCOUNT

Amount raised by town	$100 00	
Unexpended 1936	2 82	
		$ 102 82
Overexpended 1937		3 82
		$ 106 64
Rex Turner, truck	$18 00	
Lynwood Leighton, truck	18 00	

Ivan Leighton, truck	18 00	
P. W. Merrill, labor	5 12	
S. A. Anderson, labor	5 12	
B. L. Knowles, labor	6 24	
L. W. Knowles, labor	5 12	
I. W. Titcomb, labor	5 12	
Lionel Merrill, labor	5 12	
Lawrence Young, labor	5 12	
Adin Green, labor	5 12	
Leon Titcomb ,gravel	8 00	
S. A. Anderson, labor	2 56	
		$ 106 64

CUTTING BUSHES ON STATE AID AND THIRD CLASS ROAD

Amount raised by town	$85 00	
Unexpended 1936	15 20	
		$ 100 20
E. T. Green, labor	$19 20	
E. T. Green, labor	17 92	
E. T. Green, labor	8 32	
Geo. R. Smith, labor	2 56	
D. F. Preble, labor	25 60	
		$ 73 60
Unexpended in 1937		26 60
		$ 100 20

SPECIAL RESOLVE ROAD ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE

Amount received from State		$ 22 50
Rex Turner, labor	$6 75	
B. L. Knowles, labor	2 34	
L. W. Knowles, labor	1 92	
Ivan Leighton, truck	6 75	
P. W. Merrill, labor	1 92	
		$ 19 68
Unexpended 1937		2 82
		$ 22 50

STATE AID MAINTENANCE AT LEDGE HILL

Amount rec'd from State	$13 50	
Appro. from Summer road money	13 50	
		$ 27 00
B. L. Knowles, labor	$ 3 12	
Percy Leighton, labor	2 56	
Ivan Leighton, truck	6 44	
Payroll No. 1 balance	1 38	
Payroll No. 2	13 50	
		$ 27 00

REIMBURSEMENT MAINTENANCE AT ELLIOTTSVILLE

Amount rec'd from State		$ 116 11
Leon Titcomb, gravel	$ 13 30	
Payroll	102 80	
		$ 116 10
Unexpended 1937		01
		$ 116 11

50-50 ROAD ACCOUNT

Appro. from Summer road money	$49 34	
Rec'd from State	49 33	
		$ 98 67
J. S. Prescott, truck	$30 37	
B. L. Knowles, labor	10 80	
Lynwood Leighton, truck	18 00	
L. W. Knowles, labor	5 12	
Lionel Merrill, labor	5 12	
P. W. Merrill, labor	5 12	
Lawrence Young, labor	5 12	
Neil Patterson, labor	5 12	
B. L. Knowles, labor	4 80	
H. S. Goodell, gravel	9 10	
		$ 98 67

STATE AID ROAD ACCOUNT

Amount raised by town	$ 600 00	
Recd. from State	1,050 00	
Unexpended 1936	303 33	
		$ 1,953 33
Surface treatment 1937		209 39
		$ 1,743 94
Payroll No. 1	$213 05	
Payroll No. 3	401 60	
Payroll No. 3	405 20	
Payroll No. 4	214 10	
R. B. Dunning, culverts	12 50	
George Frost, labor	28 00	
H. S. Goodell, gravel	30 00	
Ivan Leighton, gravel	15 00	
Leon Titcomb, gravel	20 00	
L. Fifield, kerosene	1 20	
Payroll No. 5	11 80	
		$ 1,352 45
Unexpended 1937		391 49
		$ 1,743 94

THIRD CLASS ROAD MAINTENANCE

Amount raised by town		$ 103 00
Lynwood Leighton, labor	$ 9 00	
Lionel Merrill, labor	2 56	
S. A. Anderson, labor	2 56	
B. L. Knowles, labor	2 84	
Payroll	31 36	
Verd Leighton, gravel	4 00	
		$ 52 32
Unexpended 1937		50 68
		$ 103 00

THIRD CLASS ROAD ACCOUNT

Amount recd. from State	$264 00	
Appro. from 3rd Class M't'nce.	50 68	
		$ 314 68
Overexpended 1937		8 07
		$ 322 75
Payroll No. 1	$ 94 30	
Payroll No. 2	215 45	
Ivan Leighton, gravel	8 00	
Sylvia Greeley, rocks	5 00	
		$ 322 75

WINTER ROADS AND SNOW FENCE

Amount raised by town	$1,050 00	
Overexpended March 1, 1937	184 29	
Amount available March 1, 1938		$ 865 71
Lynwood Leighton	$ 9 00	
D. F. Preble	3 84	
S. A. Anderson	5 12	
Rex Turner	6 75	
Kenneth Knowles	1 92	
M. D. Knowles	1 92	
John Scales & Sons	5 00	
D. F. Preble	28 11	
C. E. Tefft	16 64	
D. F. Preble	8 96	
D. F. Preble	24 00	
C. E. Tefft	5 12	
Lionel Merrill	5 12	
D. F. Preble	2 56	
W. C. Prescott	2 50	
John Leavitt	1 28	
D. F. Preble	2 56	
John Leavitt	1 28	
Arthur Jackson	3 00	

D. F. Preble	11 52	
D. F. Preble	5 12	
Lynwood Leighton	18 00	
Lionel Merrill	2 56	
D. F. Preble	4 28	
		$ 176 16

SANDING ACCOUNT

Payroll No. 1	$47 80	
Payroll No. 2	11 50	
Payroll No. 3	14 60	
Payroll No. 4	48 00	
Dynamite, 1 box caps, coil fuse	12 75	
Town of Guilford, sand, salt, sand machine	24 50	
H. S. Goodell for sand	4 20	
		$ 163 35

Amount left for plowing	$526 20	
Rec'd from State, snow removal and snow fence	778 00	
Amount available for plowing, sanding, fence		$ 1,304 20
William Partinen	$334 90	
William Partinen	669 80	
Eno Partinen	334 90	
Eno Partinen	334 90	
Total amount of plowing		$ 1,339 60
		1,304 20
Overexpended March 1, 1938		$ 35 40

Treasurer's Report

1937		Dr.	
Mar.	1	Cash and check account	$1,098 80
		Teachers' Comp. Act	22 40
July	24	Florence Southard	10 61
Aug.	2	Guilford Trust Co., to pay order	1,000 00
Sept.	24	Guilford Trust Co., to pay order	1,000 00
	40	Louise Fifield, lumber	42
		Grethel Leighton, interest	7 80
		Town clerk, dog licenses	26 00
		Tax lien year 1935	32 85
		Tax liens for 1936	203 51
Aug.	16	State Treas., snow removal and fence	778 00
	25	State Treas., 50-50 road	50 00
Nov.	3	State Treas., unimproved road	116 10
	4	State Treas., State Aid road	1,093 32
	15	State Treas., Ledge Hill road	13 50
	30	Piscataquis Savings Bank, interest cemetery fund	62
Dec.	1	Guilford Trust Co., interest cemetery fund	2 01
	3	State Treas., dog license refund	5 34
	3	State Treas., school fund	667 33
	3	State Treas., R. R. and Tel. tax	1 86
	11	State Treas., 3rd Class road	264 00

	28	State Treas., bear bounty	20 00
	31	State Treas., State School Equalization Fund	342 00
		Treas. of Public School Fund, int.	51 75
		Taxes for year 1933	86 25
		Taxes for year 1934	53 59
		Taxes for year 1935	53 34
		Taxes for year 1936	1,189 90
		Taxes for year 1937	8,479 11
		Automobile excise tax	229 23
1938			
Feb.	23	Guilford Trust Co., Earley Bridge	1,045 00
			$17,944 64

1937 Cr.

Apr.	2	Guilford Trust Co., part of note due April 23, 1936	600 00
June	15	State Treas., Teachers' Comp. Act	57 60
Aug.	11	State Treas., dog licenses	25 00
Oct.	24	County Treas., County tax	278 80
Nov.	4	State Treas., patrol maintenance	354 60
	6	Bear bounty	20 00
	8	State Treas., Earley Bridge	1,045 00
Dec.	3	State Treas., State tax	1,011 32
	4	Guilford Trust Co., note of Aug. 2, 1937	1,000 00
		Guilford Trust Co., note of Sept. 24, 1937	1,000 00
		Guilford Trust Co., bal. of note due April 23, 1936	400 00
		Guilford Trust Co., part of note due April 23, 1937	600 00
		Bounty on porcupines	32 25
		Banking charge	5 56
		Orders paid	10,179 21

1938		
Feb. 23	Guilford Trust Co., bal. of note due Ap. 23, 1937	400 00
	Guilford Trust Co., interest	185 02
	Banking acct. and cash	750 28
		$17,944 64

SUMNER L. HART, Treasurer

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUST FUND 1937

	Amt. Fund	Int.	Exp.	Unexp.
Ann Hatheway	$50 00	$1 01	$1 01	
Mrs. A. D. Stilson	25 00	50	50	
Florence M. Jackson	25 00	50	50	
Alice J. Norton	25 00	62	62	

SUMNER L. HART, Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND

March 1, 1937. How invested:

Town of Willimantic	$787 50	
Verdell A. Leighton	75 00	
Piscataquis Savings Bank	698 50	
State Trust Co.	151 73	
		$ 1,712 73
Interest received in 1937		$ 51 75
Transferred to Common School Fund		$ 51 75

State Trust Co. amount is same as a year ago.

SUMNER L. HART, Treasurer

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of Willimantic:

I am submitting herewith my annual report as superintendent of your schools. In these annual reports an attempt is made to briefly review the school activities for the past year and to bring to your attention some of the needs of the schools.

Tax rates largely determine the rights of the several towns to participate in the distribution of the equalization fund. This year the average of the school rates for the state is .01243 while the average of the municipal rates is .05736. The school rate for the town is .01287 while the municipal rate is .0730. These figures for the town show that the municipal rate has increased over the rate for last year while the school rate has been reduced.

Because of the increase in the amount of the equalization fund through emergency action at a special session of the Legislature held late in October 1937, a more generous distribution has been made available for many towns. Due to the fact that in many towns expenditures for teaching equipment and instructional material had been decreased during the past five or six years, it was considered advisable to utilize a substantial amount of the equalization fund for these purposes.

I understand that some changes may be made by the State Department in the manner of distribution of the equalization fund for 1938. There is no assurance that towns will receive an amount in 1938 similar to

that received in 1937. Towns may be allocated smaller or greater amounts depending upon educational needs of the receiving towns. It seems to be the purpose of the Department to work out a plan whereby the equalization fund will be allocated to towns where the school rates considerably in excess of the average of rates for the state fail to provide a satisfactory minimum educational efficiency. Because of the reduction made in the school rate for the town this past year it is reasonable to expect that there will be a smaller amount allocated to the town from the equalization fund in December, 1938.

The amount of the equalization fund apportioned to the town of Willimantic in December, 1937, was $342. From the fund $233 was allocated for maintaining and increasing teachers salaries and $109 for purchasing teaching equipment and instructional material. From the amount allocated for wages one hundred fifty dollars was required to maintain the present wage scale and one hundred eight dollars was allocated for increasing the wage scale next year.

SCHOOL PROGRESS

There have been no great changes in school procedure during the past year. The school officials were able to retain the teachers who have been here for some time. Perhaps the greatest change is in the enrollment at the No. 1 school. Just a few years ago the attendance at that school dropped below the required average of eight. Now we have the largest enrollment at that school. At this time we do not propose making any change in school activities. It has been mentioned previously that we plan to follow closely the State Elementary School Curriculum.

Our school activities should concern itself with the all-round happy and satisfying development of our children. Of course it includes giving children a mastery of those aspects of the three R's and of history,

geography and science necessary to effective living in the world as it is. It includes the development of sound bodies and sound personalities. It includes the development of special aptitudes and interests. It includes helping children to develop a deep-rooted social consciousness that is essential to character and essential to citizenship.

In order to maintain this interesting type of educational procedure, it is essential that schools be in charge of efficient and well-trained teachers. At this time there seems to be a shortage of this type of teacher with the result that better salaries must be paid or else schools will be left in charge of inefficient and poorly trained teachers. Because of the shortage of teachers and the higher cost of living many are unwilling to accept positions in communities offering only a low wage scale.

Lack of sufficient school funds eventually means a decrease in the supply of textbooks, reference material, supplementary reading, supplies and equipment, all of which are essential as the working tools of any school. The town has raised each year a sum of money for textbooks and school supplies, but there has been no money raised especially for reference material and equipment. Fifty dollars from the equalization fund is being used for the purchase of textbooks. This will enable us to purchase for the schools some books needed and which we could not have had without increasing the amount raised for textbooks. A small sum from the fund has been made available for the purchase of some reference material and equipment.

SCHOOL REPAIRS

It is rather difficult to see at this time of year just what repairs must be made about the school buildings during the year. The expenditures for the care and up-keep of the buildings have been comparatively small for some time now. Consequently anyone with

funds to use could find considerable to do. If there were funds available, one could talk over plans for painting the buildings. The old paint is not much protection to the buildings now.

However, there are some general repairs we should plan to do this coming summer. There should be funds with which to make some repairs on the woodshed at the No. 1 School. This building needs shingling, needs to have a new sill and some repairs on the sides of the building.

It is possible that considerable work should be done on the rock foundation of No 3 building. I find that some of the rocks have fallen out of place, and it may be that many more of them should be replaced. Considerable work might well be planned for that foundation.

During the past two summers some work has been done to the walls and ceiling in the No. 2 building. It would be worthwhile to continue with some work there. This work to include making some repairs about the windows.

Last year the committee had one hundred dollars for repairs about the school buildings. The largest expense was for repairing the shed at the No. 3 building. If we do the repairing mentioned at the No. 1 building and try to do anything at all to the underpinning at the No. 3 building, more than one hundred dollars should be raised. With one hundred we could make the repairs on the shed and take care of other minor repairs that might be needed.

SCHOOL FUNDS

The present distribution of the equalization fund is not to be considered in anyway as a tax reduction measure. The law clearly determines this in stating that the equalization fund shall be allocated for improving educational standards beyond those provided by current appropriations. No part of this fund can

be utilized for reducing appropriations at the annual meeting of the town. Towns at their annual meetings in 1938 should make appropriations at least on a level with those made in 1937. Otherwise, towns may forfeit any right to share in the distribution of the equalization fund in December, 1938.

It would seem that in order to share in the distribution of the equalization fund in 1938 we must plan appropriations on a level of those made in 1937. In fact you can plan to do no less, because any reduction in your appropriations would most likely reduce the school tax rate for the town below the average of that rate for the state. The school budget which has been planned for this year makes provision for some increase in salaries of the teachers for the next school year. The amount needed for this increase in salaries has been allocated from the equalization fund for 1937.

The number of pupils from the town now attending high school is smaller than is usually the case. Because there will be new pupils to attend high school next year, the number attending high school may be larger. Very likely the usual amount will be needed for high school tuition purposes. The allotment from the equalization fund makes it possible for us to purchase some needed books which we could not have without increasing the annual approriations for textbooks. No appropriation for insurance on school buildings will be required this year.

THE SCHOOL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Estimate for Expenditures:

Teachers' wages	$1,840 00	
Fuel for schools	140 00	
Janitor services and supplies	135 00	
		$ 2,110 00

Estimate for Receipts:		
Equalization Fund, 1937	$108 00	
State School Fund	410 00	
Equalization Fund, 1938	137 00	
Interest funds	55 00	
		$ 710 00
Appropriation by town		$ 1,400 00
Other Appropriations Recommended:		
High School Tuition Account		$ 250 00
Free Textbook Account		60 00
School Supply Account		60 00
School Repairs Account		$80 00 to 200 00
School Nurse Account		25 00
Superintence Account, Salary		103 00

Under the heading of Financial Statements will be found information in regard to funds raised by the town for school purposes, funds received from the state for school purposes, together with expenditures for the municipal year.

Respectfully yours,

C. L. SIDELINGER

February 21, 1938 Superintendent of Schools

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 1937-1938

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1936	$ 379 65	
Raised by town	1,400 00	
State School Fund	410 00	
Equalization Fund	233 00	
Interest receipts	51 75	
		$ 2,474 40

Expenditures

Teachers salaries':		
Arlene M. Merrill	$576 00	
Gertrude A. Stanchfield	576 00	
Geneva Campbell	576 00	
		$ 1,728 00

Fuel for schools:		
E. T. Green	$35 75	
P. W. Merrill	37 37	
B. M. Packard	42 00	
L. L. Merrill	5 00	
L. E. Wharff	4 25	
		$ 124 37
Janitor services and supplies:		
School janitors	$91 50	
Cleaning school buildings	20 00	
Janitor supplies	3 90	
		$ 115 40
Unexpended 1937		$ 506 63
		$ 2,474 40

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended 1936	$280 22	
Raised by town	250 00	
State School Fund	257 33	
		$ 787 55

Expenditures

Higgins Classical Institute:		
Philip Earley	$ 60 00	
William Earley	100 00	
		$ 160 00
Hebron Academy:		
Burton Packard	$90 00	
Marlborough Packard	36 00	
		$ 126 00
Town of Guilford:		
Marjorie Leavitt	$16 00	
Charlotte Anderson	70 00	
Elsie Leavitt	30 00	
Elwin Leighton	40 00	
		$ 156 00

Monson Academy: Neil Patterson		45 00
Unexpended 1937		300 55
	$	787 55

FREE TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended 1936		$11 26	
Raised by town		60 00	
Equalization Fund	1937	50 00	
		$	121 26

Expenditures

American Book Company	$16 55	
Ginn and Company	30 52	
The Macmillan Company	13 68	
Charles Scribner's Sons	8 71	
Beckley-Cardy Company	8 24	
Row, Peterson and Company	10 30	
Silver Burdett Company	10 49	
	$	98 49
Unexpended 1937		22 77
	$	121 26

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended 1936	$25 89	
Raised by town	60 00	
	$	85 89

Expenditures

C. L. Sidelinger	$ 8 50	
J. L. Hammett Company	16 96	
Milton Bradley Company	11 91	
Loring, Short and Harmon	5 40	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	7 92	
	$	50 69
Unexpended 1937		35 20
	$	85 89

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL

Receipts

State Equalization Fund		$ 59 00

Expenditures

C. L. Sidelinger, bookcases	$ 7 50	
Unexpended 1937	51 50	
		$ 59 00

SCHOOL REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended 1936	$20 00	
Raised by town	80 00	
		$ 100 00

Expenditures

Expenditures for material	$37 79	
Expenditures for labor	40 47	
		$ 78 26
Unexpended 1937		21 74
		$ 100 00

SCHOOL INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Receipts

Raised by town	$ 56 25

Expenditures

Geo. E. Howard & Co.	$ 56 25

SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended 1936	$ 1 50	
Raised by town	83 00	
Overdraft 1937	7 30	
		$ 91 80

Expenditures

C. L. Sidelinger, salary	$ 91 80

REPORT OF NURSING SERVICE

To Selectmen and Citizens of Willimantic:

Health promotion and disease prevention with emphasis upon the child of school age and the person

suspected, contact or suffering from tuberculosis have been our primary objectives during the past year.

The maternal and pre-school work has been covered by the State Nurse.

All schools have had annual physical inspection with the following statistics:

Total number of pupils enrolled	29
Total number of pupils inspected	24
Potential seven point pupils	6

Symptoms of defects		Corrections
Vision	3	1
Hearing	2	
Teeth	9	
Nose	5	
Throat	9	2
Glands	5	
Posture	7	
Gen'l nutrition	6	
Orthopedic	2	

Home visits were made to 21 pupils.

Two children with orthopedic symptoms were referred to the State Crippled Children's Service.

Suggestions for your consideration:

1. Toxoid (prevention of diphtheria) for all young children.
2. Vaccination against smallpox.
3. Tuberculin test for all school children.
4. Cooperation of parents in securing correction of defects and obtaining certificates from dentist and doctor for seven point recognition.

We wish to express our appreciation of your cooperation and support during the past years.

Respectfully submitted,

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY NURSING SERVICE

By Louise B. Nichols, R. N.

Town Clerk's Report

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WILLIMANTIC DURING MUNICIPAL YEAR 1937-38

1937

June 26. Patricia Ann Young, daughter of Lawrence A. and Irene Young.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN WILLIMANTIC DURING MUNICIPAL YEAR 1937-38

1937

July 18. Oscar L. Bennett, aged 72 yrs., 6 mos., 18 days.

Dec. 9. Ada S. Preble, aged 72 yrs., 4 mos., 24 days, of croupous pneumonia, reported by H. R. Patterson, M. D., Guilford.

1938

Jan. 7. Elsie Evelyn Floyd, aged 37 yrs., 10 mos., 4 days, of Cardiac Fibrillation, reported by William R. Miller, Waltham, Mass.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN WILLIMANTIC DURING MUNICIPAL YEAR 1937-38

1937

June 12. George LeRoy Smith and E. Maude Prescott, at Willimantic by Leslie W. Knowles, J. P.

July 19. Lawrence Perry and Marguerite Packard, at Onawa, by Rev. Robert H. Johnston.

Oct. 3. William J. Gourley and Katherine Maude Stowe, at Monson, by Rev. Martin Sorensen.

1938

Jan. 15. Bruce Aubrey Packard and Grethel Mae Leighton, at Willimantic, by Leslie W. Knowles, J.P.

Number of dogs licensed, 18.

LESLIE W. KNOWLES, Town Clerk.

Preserve This Report

A sufficient number of these reports have been printed to furnish every interested citizen with a copy. An effort has been made to get them into the hands of the voters in advance. It should be borne in mind that if copies are left at home there may not be a sufficient number at the hall to go around on town meeting day. This year or any year it is desirable for you to have a copy of the annual report as soon as issued. It is also important for you to preserve it and bring it with you town meeting day morning.